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**Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th St., S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554**

**DA 02-515  
March 4, 2002**

**COMMENTS INVITED ON VERIZON SOUTH INC. AND CONTEL OF THE  
SOUTH, INC. d/b/a VERIZON MID-STATES JOINT APPLICATION TO  
DISCONTINUE DOMESTIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES**

**NSD File No. W-P-D-567**

**Comments Due: April 1, 2002**

**Section 214 Application**

**Applicants: Verizon South Inc.**

**Contel of the South, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Mid-States**

On **January 22, 2002**, two (2) wholly-owned subsidiaries of Verizon Communications, Inc., **Verizon South Inc.**, located at **410 Roxboro Rd., Durham, NC 27704** and **Contel of the South, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Mid-States**, located at **600 Hidden Ridge, Irving, TX 75038** (collectively Verizon or Applicants), jointly filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission), requesting authority under section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. § 214(a), and section 63.71 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue certain its domestic telecommunications services.

The application indicates that applicants seek authority to discontinue providing local exchange access services to residential and business customers in Alabama. Applicants state that the application is being made in connection with their sale of local exchange-related assets to CenturyTel of Alabama, LLC (CenturyTel), and that there will be no disruption in service. Verizon explains that CenturyTel will begin providing service to affected customers simultaneously with Applicants' discontinuance of service, and that customers will experience no change in area codes, telephone numbers or local calling areas.

Applicants state that they provided all affected customers with written notice of the proposed discontinuance prior to the filing of their application, and that the notice conformed with requirements in the Commission's rules.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(5)(ii).

In accordance with 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(c), the application will be deemed to be automatically granted on the sixtieth (60<sup>th</sup>) day after the release date of this notice, unless the Commission has notified Applicant that the grant will not be automatically effective. The FCC will normally authorize proposed discontinuances of service unless it is shown that customers or other end users would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier, or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected.

This proceeding is considered a "permit but disclose" proceeding for purposes of the Commission's *ex parte* rules.<sup>2</sup> Comments objecting to this application must be filed with the Commission by **April 1, 2002**. Such comments should refer to application file number **W-P-D-567**. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance on the commenter, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service. Comments should be sent to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. Two (2) copies of the comments should also be sent to the Network Services Division, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room 6-A207, Washington, DC 20554, Attention: Carmell Weathers. Comments should also be served upon Applicant. Commenters are also requested to fax their comments to the FCC at (202) 418-2345, Attention: Jon Minkoff.

Interested parties who wish to file comments via messenger-delivery or hand-delivery are also notified that effective December 18, 2001, the Commission will only receive such deliveries weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., via its contractor, Vistronix, Inc., located at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Suite 110, Washington, DC 20002. **The Commission no longer accepts these filings at 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743.** Please note that all hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners, and envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. In addition, this is a reminder that as of October 18, 2001, the Commission no longer accepts hand-delivered or messenger-delivered filings at its headquarters at 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554. Other messenger-delivered documents, including documents sent by overnight mail (other than United States Postal Service (USPS) Express and Priority Mail), must be addressed to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. This location is open weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. USPS First-Class, Express, and Priority Mail should be addressed to the Commission's headquarters at 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554. The following chart summarizes this information:

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<sup>2</sup> See generally 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 - 1.1216.

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The application will be available for review and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Center, Portals II, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554, (202) 418-0270. A copy of the application may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room CY-B402, Washington, DC, 20554, telephone 202-863-2893, facsimile 202-863-2898, or via e-mail at **[qualexint@aol.com](mailto:qualexint@aol.com)**.

For further information, contact Carmell Weathers, (202) 418-2325 (voice), **[cweather@fcc.gov](mailto:cweather@fcc.gov)**, or Jon Minkoff (202) 418-2353 (voice), **[jminkoff@fcc.gov](mailto:jminkoff@fcc.gov)**, of the Network Services Division, Common Carrier Bureau. The TTY number is (202) 418-0484. For further information on procedures regarding Section 214 please visit the Network Services Division web site at: **<http://www.fcc.gov/ccb/nsd/documents/214.html>**.

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